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to the Commission
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Subject: Implications and contingency planning in case of glyphosate withdrawal

Glyphosate is a world's most widely used weedkiller. It was previously classified by the World Health Organization as 'probably carcinogenic to humans'. However, there is a consensus among health institutions that it is not harmful and, in 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (EHCA) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) concluded that there was no justification for a glyphosate ban and extended its approval for 10 years. Now, a new study published on 10 June 2025 shows that long-term exposure to glyphosate caused cancer in rats. The study lacked transparency and is currently being reviewed by the EHCA and the EFSA.

1. What are the next steps for the Commission if the study proves valid and glyphosate approval is withdrawn?

2. What measures will the Commission take to protect human health and the environment during the transition period if glyphosate approval is withdrawn, particularly regarding existing stocks, alternative substances and support for farmers?

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